

Appln. No. 10/814,988

Attorney Docket No. 8627-345

IV. Remarks

In response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2006, kindly enter the foregoing amendment and consider the following remarks. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.112, Applicant requests reconsideration of each and every ground of rejection set forth in the Office Action.

The Office Action and the references cited therein have been carefully considered. In this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended and claims 12 and 14-24 have been canceled. Thus claims 1-11 and 13 are pending and are at issue herein. In view of these amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of this application is requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter. On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated claims 12 and 13 are allowed. As will be described below, the Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter and therefore requests favorable consideration.

OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Abstract of the disclosure, is objected to because it contains legal phraseology such as "comprises". The Applicant has amended the Abstract to replace "comprises" with "includes". However, the Applicant respectfully traverse the rejection inasmuch as the word "comprises" is not legal phraseology and is a word commonly used in the English language outside of the law.

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The word "let" on page 13 has been amended to the word "leg".

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §102

Claims 1-11 and 14-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by the Ravenscroft reference (U.S. Publication No. 2005/0101982).

First, Applicant assert that the Ravenscroft reference is not prior art and reserve the right to show the Ravenscroft reference was not filed before the invention by the Applicant.

At this time, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 12, indicated as allowed by the Examiner. Accordingly, claim 1 is considered in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of independent claim 1, as well as its dependent claims, is respectfully requested.

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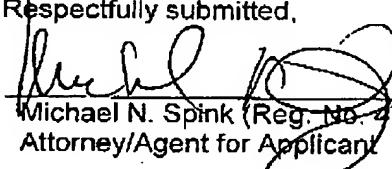
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CONCLUSION

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that the specification is in order and that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the Attorney for the Applicant at the earliest convenience of the Examiner.

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